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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING GARMENTS INCLUDING A HANGER MECHANISM**, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked:

☐ was filed on _____ as United States Application Number of PCT International Applicant Number _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(3) or § 365(b) of the foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
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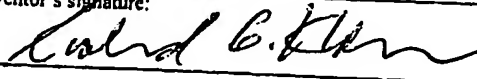
I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S. C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S. C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of this prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

I am the inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in patent application entitled APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING GARMENTS INCLUDING A HANGER MECHANISM, filed herewith.

I hereby revoke all previous powers of attorney and appoint the following attorneys of the law firm McDermott, Will & Emery with the power to appoint associate attorneys to prosecute this application and any continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, reissue, or reexam application thereof, and any international application under the Patent Cooperation Treaty based on it, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, such attorneys currently being:

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